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SUBJECT: RWANDAN ASYLUM SEEKER

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1. CHARGE DISCUSSED KIMENYI STATUS WITH NSABIMANA (UNAVAILABLE LAST WEEK DUE DEATH IN FAMILY) WHO CONTINUES BELIEVE THERE NO GROUNDS FEAR PERSECUTION SHOULD KIMENYI RETURN RWANDA. NSABIMANA ADMITTED HAVING GRAVE CONCERNS HIS OWN SAFETY PRIOR RETURNING 1974. HOWEVER, HE STATES THAT THESE AROSE MORE FROM FEAR OF UNKNOWN THAN FROM HARD EVIDENCE RWANDAN REPRESSIVE ACTION. SINCE HIS RETURN HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF INTEGRATED INTO LOCAL SOCIETY, HAS NOT EXPERIENCED GOR PERSECUTION, AND IS NOT AWARE ANY SUCH INCIDENTS AFFECTING HIS COLLEAGUES IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS. HE FEELS KIMENYI CONCERN MAY BE CAUSED IN PART BY LACK OF CORRESPONDENCE AND PROMISED WRITE TO HIM THIS WEEK. (FYI - IN ORDER OBVIATE KIMENYI RETORT NSABIMANA CORRESPONDENCE DRAFTED FOR GOR CONSUMPTION, EMB OFFERED TRANSMIT LETTER. WILL FORWARD SEPT. 24 TO CU/AF - CHARD FOR DELIVERY KIMENYI. END
FYI)

2. EMB ASSESSMENT KIMENYI STATUS FOLLOWING RETURN RWANDA CONTAINED REF. B AND REMAINS UNCHANGED. CONERSTONE SECOND REPUBLIC DOMESTIC POLICY HAS BEEN NATIONAL UNITY/ETHNIC (I.E., CONFIDENTIAL

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INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FEARS OF PERSECUTION CANNOT BE BASED ON PROVEN CURRENT GOVT POLICIES OR ACTS WOULD IN EMB VIEW BE DAMAGING USG/GOR RELATIONS.

3. UNIV OF RWANDA VICE RECOTR ALBERT (CANADIAN) TOLD CHARGE SEPT. 21 UNIV. HAS ENGLISH-TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 76-77 AND HAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED KIMENYI CORRESPOND REGARDING HIS INTEREST. ALBERT STATED KIMENYI' S PH.D. AND AFRICAN WRITERS BACKGROUND MAKE HIM DEAL CANDIDATE AND THAT HE COULD "ALL BUT GUARANTEE" POSITION IF KIMENYI RESPONDS PROMPTLY.

4. EMB. UNABLE EVALUATE POSSIBILITY OTHER MOTIVATIONS FOR KIMENYI'S REQUEST. WHILE SUBJECT ASYLUM NOT RAISED WITH NSABIMANA, IT POSSIBLE THAT KIMENYI IS TYPE OF PERSON WHO WOULD EXPLORE SEVERAL AVENUES FOR OBTAINING PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS U.S. BEFORE PRESSING MATTER FURTHER, HOWEVER, EMB. SUGGESTS GIVING HIM OPPORTUNITY READ NSABIMANA LETTER. HIGGINS

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